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## Consumer Price Index, Riverside Area – January 2022

**Area prices were up 1.5 percent over the past two months, up 8.6 percent from a year ago**

Prices in the Riverside area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 1.5 percent for the two months ending in January 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A](#).) Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund noted that the January increase was influenced by higher prices for household furnishings and operations and shelter. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, bi-monthly changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 8.6 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) Food prices rose 5.8 percent. Energy prices jumped 35.3 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy rose 6.3 percent over the year. (See [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA, January 2019–January 2022**

Month	All items	All items less food and energy
Jan 2019.....	3.0	3.2
Mar 2019.....	2.8	3.1
May 2019.....	2.9	2.6
Jul 2019.....	2.6	2.8
Sep 2019.....	3.1	3.2
Nov 2019.....	2.9	2.6
Jan 2020.....	3.0	2.5
Mar 2020.....	2.3	2.4
May 2020.....	0.9	2.1
Jul 2020.....	1.7	1.7
Sep 2020.....	1.7	1.4
Nov 2020.....	1.9	2.3
Jan 2021.....	2.2	2.0
Mar 2021.....	3.6	2.0
May 2021.....	5.9	4.0
Jul 2021.....	6.5	4.9
Sep 2021.....	6.8	5.2
Nov 2021.....	7.9	5.4
Jan 2022.....	8.6	6.3

## Food

Food prices advanced 1.2 percent for the two months ending in January. (See [table 1](#).) Price changes for food at home sub-categories were mixed, with an overall increase of 1.5 percent. Prices for food away from home advanced 0.9 percent for the same period.

Over the year, food prices rose 5.8 percent. Prices for food at home rose 7.2 percent, influenced by higher prices for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs (11.7 percent) and other food at home (10.5 percent). Since a year ago, prices for food away from home increased 4.2 percent.

## Energy

The energy index advanced 2.3 percent for the two months ending in January. The increase was mainly due to higher prices for natural gas service (12.0 percent). Prices for electricity advanced 2.6 percent, and prices for gasoline rose 0.8 percent for the same period.

Energy prices jumped 35.3 percent over the year, largely due to higher prices for gasoline (42.8 percent). Prices paid for natural gas service increased 31.3 percent, and prices for electricity increased 24.4 percent during the past year.

## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 1.4 percent in the latest two-month period. Higher prices for household furnishings and operations (8.3 percent) and shelter (0.8 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for education and communication (-1.3 percent) and new vehicles (-1.1 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy rose 6.3 percent. Components contributing to the increase included used cars and trucks (38.6 percent), household furnishings and operations (11.4 percent), and shelter (5.5 percent). Partly offsetting the increases was a price decrease in recreation (-1.0 percent).

**Table A. Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA, CPI-U 2-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted**

Month	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month
January.....	0.4	3.0	0.5	3.0	0.9	2.2	1.5	8.6
March .....	0.7	2.8	0.0	2.3	1.3	3.6		
May.....	1.2	2.9	-0.2	0.9	2.0	5.9		
July .....	-0.1	2.6	0.7	1.7	1.3	6.5		
September.....	0.6	3.1	0.5	1.7	0.8	6.8		
November.....	0.2	2.9	0.4	1.9	1.4	7.9		

**The March 2022 Consumer Price Index for the Riverside area is scheduled to be released on April 12, 2022.**

## Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measures of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total U.S. population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total U.S. population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 6,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.














































The index measures price changes from a designated reference date; for most of the CPI-U the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. An increase of 7 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 107.000. Alternatively, that relationship can also be expressed as the price of a base period market basket of goods and services rising from \$100 to \$107. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi) and the CPI section of the BLS Handbook of Methods available on the internet at [www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cpi/](http://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cpi/).

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA metropolitan area includes Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in California.











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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario (December 2017=100 unless otherwise noted)**

Item and Group	Indexes				Percent change from-		
	Historical data	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
All items.....		117.206	-	118.963	8.6	1.5	-
Food and beverages .....		117.759	-	119.208	5.8	1.2	-
Food .....		118.351	-	119.810	5.8	1.2	-
Food at home .....		118.187	119.207	119.969	7.2	1.5	0.6
Cereals and bakery products .....		119.843	-	127.322	7.3	6.2	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....		124.640	-	120.209	11.7	-3.6	-
Dairy and related products .....		107.797	-	106.107	-6.0	-1.6	-
Fruits and vegetables .....		121.097	-	124.892	4.3	3.1	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....		120.526	-	119.751	6.0	-0.6	-
Other food at home .....		112.102	-	117.791	10.5	5.1	-
Food away from home.....		117.970	-	119.059	4.2	0.9	-
Alcoholic beverages .....		107.187	-	108.453	5.4	1.2	-
Housing .....		118.562	-	121.077	7.9	2.1	-
Shelter .....		116.773	117.789	117.693	5.5	0.8	-0.1
Rent of primary residence .....		117.782	119.220	119.310	6.0	1.3	0.1
Owners' equiv. rent of residences .....		116.692	117.359	117.385	4.8	0.6	0.0
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence .....		116.692	117.359	117.385	4.8	0.6	0.0
Fuels and utilities.....		138.350	-	146.915	21.2	6.2	-
Household energy .....		146.634	145.860	153.870	26.5	4.9	5.5
Energy services.....		147.359	146.696	154.821	26.5	5.1	5.5
Electricity .....		146.415	146.415	150.293	24.4	2.6	2.6
Utility (piped) gas service .....		150.020	146.592	168.091	31.3	12.0	14.7
Household furnishings and operations .....		109.792	-	118.927	11.4	8.3	-
Apparel .....		98.373	-	103.495	1.8	5.2	-
Transportation .....		127.108	-	128.460	24.0	1.1	-
Private transportation .....		129.716	-	131.430	24.9	1.3	-
New and used motor vehicles .....		116.756	-	118.079	17.7	1.1	-
New vehicles .....		114.137	-	112.929	9.2	-1.1	-
Used cars and trucks.....		143.470	-	150.220	38.6	4.7	-
Motor fuel .....		149.697	151.082	150.883	42.7	0.8	-0.1
Gasoline (all types).....		149.862	151.289	151.086	42.8	0.8	-0.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular(1).....		150.543	151.980	151.756	43.6	0.8	-0.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(1).....		150.145	151.662	151.398	40.6	0.8	-0.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium(1).....		146.400	147.766	147.656	39.5	0.9	-0.1
Medical care .....		112.330	-	113.919	3.7	1.4	-
Recreation .....		101.853	-	102.241	-1.0	0.4	-
Education and communication .....		109.221	-	107.829	0.4	-1.3	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care .....		120.178	-	120.259	1.5	0.1	-
Other goods and services .....		116.024	-	117.350	6.0	1.1	-
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
All items.....		117.206	-	118.963	8.6	1.5	-
Commodities .....		118.211	-	120.279	11.9	1.7	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....		118.432	-	120.834	15.7	2.0	-
Nondurables less food & beverages .....		120.261	-	122.643	19.7	2.0	-
Durables .....		115.891	-	118.318	11.6	2.1	-
Services.....		116.723	-	118.282	6.7	1.3	-
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>							

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario (December 2017=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued**

Item and Group	Indexes				Percent change from-		
	Historical data	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021
All items less medical care .....		117.543	-	119.313	8.9	1.5	-
All items less shelter .....		117.560	-	119.755	10.4	1.9	-
Commodities less food .....		118.074	-	120.444	15.4	2.0	-
Nondurables .....		118.932	-	120.827	12.0	1.6	-
Nondurables less food .....		119.524	-	121.848	19.0	1.9	-
Services less rent of shelter .....		116.595	-	119.000	8.4	2.1	-
Services less medical care services .....		116.862	-	118.441	7.0	1.4	-
Energy .....		149.186	149.691	152.579	35.3	2.3	1.9
All items less energy .....		114.398	-	116.006	6.2	1.4	-
All items less food and energy .....		113.789	-	115.423	6.3	1.4	-

**Footnotes**

(1) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

- Data not available

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.